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SUBJECT: NATO EXPERTS REPORT ON TRENDS IN THE SOVIET  
UNION AND EASTERN EUROPE

REF: A) USNATO 2325; B) USNATO A-192

1. MISSION AUTHORIZED TO USE FIRST TWO DRAFT TALKING  
POINTS CONTAINED REFTEL BUT NOT THE THIRD POINT.
2. IN RESPONSE TO REQUEST, FOLLOWING COMMENTS PROVIDED  
TO SUPPLEMENT SECOND TALKING POINT (REFTEL) AND MAY BE  
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-- AT THIS TIME HOWEVER WE WOULD NOTE THAT DESPITE  
THEIR INITIAL SHOCK AT MRS. GANDHI'S DEFEAT IN THE INDIAN  
ELECTIONS, THE SOVIETS HAVE LOST LITTLE TIME IN REPAIRING  
THEIR RELATIONS WITH HER SUCCESSORS. SOVIET POST-ELECTION  
COMMENTARIES CRITICIZED GANDHI FOR EXCESSES DURING THE  
EMERGENCY AND STRESSED THE PERMANENT NATURE OF SOVIET-  
INDIAN FRIENDSHIP. THE SOVIET UNION IMMEDIATELY ASKED

FOR AND RECEIVED DATES FOR A PREVIOUSLY AGREED BUT  
UNSCHEDULED VISIT BY FOREIGN MINISTER GROMYKO TO DELHI.

-- THE GROMYKO VISIT EMPHASIZED THE STRONG DESIRE OF THE  
SOVIETS TO MAINTAIN CORDIAL RELATIONS WITH INDIA AND THE  
1971 FRIENDSHIP TREATY, EVEN AT THE PRICE OF PUBLICLY  
ACKNOWLEDGING INDIA'S RIGHT TO IMPROVED RELATIONS WITH  
OTHER COUNTRIES (SUCH AS THE US AND PRC). THIS SOVIET  
FLEXIBILITY, PLUS STRONG ECONOMIC TIES BENEFICIAL TO  
INDIA, WILL PROBABLY BE SUFFICIENT TO AVOID A SHARP  
DOWNTURN IN INDO-SOVIET RELATIONS, BUT THE SOVIETS WILL  
HAVE LESS INFLUENCE OVER INDIAN POLICIES THAN IN THE  
PAST FEW YEARS.

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